

*The First Copenhagen Symposium on Uroradiology, Imaging and Interventional Techniques* will be held September 7–10, 1987 at the Herlev Hospital, University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Deadline for abstract submissions is April 1, 1987. Sponsors of the event are the Danish Medical Society, Danish Society of Diagnostic Radiology, Danish Society of Clinical Physiology and Nuclear Medicine, Danish Society of Nephrology, and the Danish Society of Urology. For further information, contact Henrik S. Thomsen, M.D., Department of Diagnostic Radiology 54E2, KAS Herlev, Herlev Ringvej, DK-2730 Herlev, Denmark.

*The Third International Milano Meeting on Nephrology* will be held in Milano, Italy, October 5–6, 1987. The major theme will be "The kidney in plasmacell dyscrasias," and the topics will include the kidney's involvement in multiple myeloma, Al amyloidosis, light chain deposit disease, and IgM gammopathy. For further information contact Luigi Minetti, M.D., Divisione de Nefrologia e Dialisi, Ospedale Ca'Granda, Piazza Ospedale Maggiore n.3, 20162 Milano, Italy; telephone 02.64442521.

*The XXIVth Congress of the EDTA-European Renal Association and the XVIth Conference of the EDTNA-European Renal Care Association* will be held from October 25–29, 1987 and October 27–29, 1987, respectively, at the International Congress Center, Berlin, West Germany. Major topics will include immunological problems in chronic renal failure, hypertension and diet in progressive renal failure, viral infection in chronic renal failure, dialysis and transplantation. For further information, contact Professor Dr. G.M. Gahl, University Clinic Charlottenburg, Division of Medicine and Nephrology, Spandauer Damm 130, D-1000 Berlin 19, West Germany.

*The Seventh Asian Colloquium in Nephrology* will be held in Taipei on November 25–28, 1987. For information contact Wan-Yu, M.D., D.M. Sci. President, Society of Nephrology Taiwan ROC, 1, Chang-Te Street, Taipei, Republic of China 100.

*The Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand and the Australasian Society of Nephrology* are planning a combined meeting to be held in 1987 in Adelaide, South Australia. The MSD Visiting Lecturer will be Prof. Peter Bell, Professor of Surgery, Leicester, England. More information will follow.

*The Third International Bari Seminar in Nephrology* will be held in Bari, Italy on April 20–23, 1988. The topic is "Drugs, multisystem diseases and the kidney." For further information contact Professor P. Coratelli, Institute of Medical Nephrology, University of Bari, Policlinic, Piazza G. Cesare no. 11, 70125 Bari, Italy.

*The Dialysis Society of Australia, the Jubilee Scientific Meeting of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, and the Australasian Society of Nephrology* are planning a combined meeting for May 8–13, 1988, in Sydney, New South Wales. More information will follow.

*The XIX International Congress on Internal Medicine* will be held in Brussels from August 29–September 2, 1988. For further information and registration contact Dr. A. Dupont, Scientific Secretariat, Department of Pharmacology, University Hospital VUB, Laarbeeklaan 103, B-1090 Brussels or Mrs. D. Shanni, Administrative Secretariat, SDR Associated, Rue Vilain XIII 17a, B-1050 Brussels.

*The XIIth International Congress of the Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand* will be held September 11–19, 1988, in Sydney, Australia. For information, write Dr. Bruce Hall, Honorary Secretary, The Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand, 145 Macquarie Street, Sydney 2000 Australia.

*The 26th Congress of the European Renal Association and the 19th Congress of the European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses' Association* will be held June 12–18, 1989 at the Swedish Trade Fairs conference center in Gothenburg, Sweden. For further information, contact Svenska Mässan Stiftelse, Box 5222, S-402 24 Göteborg, Sweden. Telephone: 46 31 20 00 00; telex: 20 600 maessan s.

### Books received

*Nuclear Medicine in Urology and Nephrology* by P.H. O'Reilly, R.A. Shields, and H.J. Testa gives an account of the scientific principles and clinical applications of radionuclide techniques. The price is \$135.00US, 284 pages from Butterworth Publishers.

*Extracorporeal Shock-wave Lithotripsy for Renal Stone Disease* by J.S. Gravenstein and K. Peter provides technical and clinical aspects of noninvasive disintegration of kidney stones. The price is \$19.95US, 149 pages, from Butterworth Publishers, 80 Montvale Ave., Stoneham, Massachusetts 02180, USA.

### National societies

The Secretary General of the *International Society of Nephrology* is endeavoring to bring the Society's list of national societies up-to-date. Many such national societies are not affiliated with the ISN or their affiliation has lapsed. To retain their affiliated status and to vote at the General Assembly, a list of individual members is required to be sent annually. Secretaries of national societies therefore are asked to provide the Secretary General with the address to which correspondence should be sent, together with a list of their officers and individual members (the latter to be submitted at least 6 months before the 1987 International Congress of Nephrology), and a formal application for affiliation where this has lapsed. Please send these to Dr. Claude Amiel, Département de Physiologie, Faculté de Médecine Xavier Bichat, 16 rue Henri Huchard, 75018 Paris, France.

*The American Society of Nephrology* announces a service to its non-American colleagues. For an annual fee of US \$40, the ASN will send you all of its mailings and announcements, including a copy of the annual abstract book (first class rates only). Checks for \$40 along with your name and desired mailing address should be sent to the ASN National Office, c/o Charles B. Slack, Inc., 6900 Grove Road, Thorofare, New Jersey 08068 USA.

### AWARDS AND GRANTS

#### \$50,000 Grant for Innovation

Pfizer Hospital Products Group is offering a \$50,000 US research grant for an original invention in the medical device area. The submitted proposal will be evaluated by an outside panel of experts. Influencing the decision will be the scientific merit of the invention and the benefit to the patient. Consideration will be given to the practical application of the invention

and its possible impact on the quality of health care. Application deadline is December 15, 1986. For further information, contact George Flouty, M.D., Pfizer Hospital Products Group, Research Grant for Innovation, Pfizer, Inc., 235 East 42nd Street, New York, New York, USA.

#### 1986 International Fellowship Training Awards

The International Society of Nephrology announces the recipients of the 1986 ISN Fellowship Awards.

Name	Country of origin	Institution where training is planned
Francisco J.A. Araya	Chile	USA, Miami (J. J. Bourgoignie)
Joel S. Elises	Philippines	UK, Birmingham (C. M. Taylor)
Cristina Castro	Brazil	France, Paris (J. Crosnier)
Prabha Sentuttuvan	South India	UK, London (C. Chantler)
Radi M. A. Hamed	Jordan	Canada, Toronto (G. S. Arbus)
José H. R. Suassuna	Brazil	UK, London (J. S. Cameron)
Honorary (without stipend)		
Consuelo Restrepo de Rovetto	Columbia	USA, Ohio (C. F. Strife)

This International Fellowship Training Program was established to provide training in clinical nephrology to physicians from developing countries. It is the objective of this program to support the growth of nephrology in developing countries through an educational program that admits qualified applicants to clinical training in recognized nephrology programs around the world, and then to return to their home country to practice and/or teach. In unique circumstances, applicants who wish basic research training may be considered if the environment in the home country will permit continued research upon the completion of training.

The guidelines for application are as follows:

(1) Fellowship awards will be made only to physicians from developing countries.

(2) Applicants must provide evidence of acceptance into a recognized and suitable training program before the award can be granted.

(3) The Fellow must return to his or her home country upon completion of approved training.

(4) The Fellow must provide evidence of a guaranteed position in a medical institution upon return to the home country.

(5) Fellows will receive US \$15,000 per year from the Society; they must also provide evidence of additional financial support from the home country and/or the host institution, including the provision of round-trip travel funds for the Fellow and his or her immediate family. The ISN Fellows award stipend will be reduced by the amount of any support (excluding travel) received by the Fellow from the home or host institution.

(6) An honorary Fellowship will be awarded to any applicant accepted for the program but who already has at least US\$15,000 of support for his/her Fellowship.

(7) Fellows must be able to read and speak the language of the host country. An interview may be required to assess verbal fluency.

(8) Fellowships will be offered primarily for clinical training of one to two years duration.

(9) Clinical training programs should be practical in their orientation, and applicable to the needs and conditions of the home country. The ability of the host institution to provide such training will be an important factor in the selection process.

(10) Fellows must have received sufficient training in internal medicine or other fields to pass all host country examinations that are necessary to the care of patients. Fellowships may be awarded to senior individuals who seek additional training but, in general, preference will be given to younger physicians who are at the beginning of their permanent careers.

(11) A limited amount of financial support may be available to Fellows for basic start-up needs upon return to the home country.

(12) Specific instructions and the necessary application forms can be obtained by writing directly to Dr. Claude Amiel, Secretary General, International Society of Nephrology, Département de Physiologie, Faculté de Médecine Xavier Bichat, 16 rue de Henri Huchard, 75018 Paris, France.

#### Travel Awards

*Travel Fellowships for the Xth International Congress of Nephrology, London, England, July 26–31, 1987*, are available from the International Society of Nephrology. The ISN will provide 120 travel awards of US \$500 each. Applicants must be 40 years of age or under. Preference will be given to a presenter, first author, or co-author of an abstract. Membership in the ISN will be a consideration for receipt of the award.

Application forms for the travel grants will be included in the mailings on behalf of the Congress. Notice of the awards will be made on April 15, 1987, and the funds will be available in London at the time of the Congress.

#### For submission of manuscripts and announcements

New manuscripts and related editorial correspondence for *Kidney International* should be sent to:

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